

House Resolution No. 4904

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Bryan L. Forbis, who passed to his eternal reward on December 27, 2003; and

Whereas, Bryan Forbis came into this world in Jefferson City, Missouri, on August 14, 1957, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Lewis Wagner and Thelma Rose Thompson Forbis, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of the Jefferson City area, Bryan Forbis graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1975, and earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Honors in 1979 and his Master's degree in Political Science in 1981, both Cum Laude from the University of Missouri-Columbia; and

Whereas, on November 7, 1987, Bryan Forbis embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Mary Beth Dobbs, a kind and loving woman for whom he provided the utmost love, care, and support for many years; and

Whereas, a twenty-year veteran of state government, Bryan Forbis was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission by Governor Bob Holden on November 1, 2001, prior to which time he served as deputy director for Institutional Services in the Missouri Division of Aging, and found employment opportunities with the Missouri departments of Natural Resources and Social Services; and

Whereas, in addition to his Commission duties, Bryan Forbis served as Secretary of the Missouri Universal Service Board and member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, where he served on the Committee on Telecommunications; and

Whereas, an avid 007 fan, Brian Forbis lived life to the fullest and derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from sharing his zest for life with others, serving the public, and most of all, caring for his wife, father, and his family; and

Whereas, a devout member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Schubert where he glorified the Lord through a variety of capacities, Bryan Forbis leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife of sixteen years, Mary Beth Dobbs-Forbis; his father, Lewis W. Forbis of Jefferson City; his brother and sister-in-law, Allan J. and Carol Forbis of Jefferson City; his brother-in-law, Jay Dobbs of Alexandria, Virginia; his step-niece and nephew, Sara R. Hlavacek and Ryan Hlavacek; and his great-step-nephew, Zachariah E. Hargrove:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Bryan Forbis, a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and loving him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Bryan L. Forbis, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4904, adopted December 31, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker